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NEWSLETTER

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Arts started its journey in 2016 by offering B.A. Programme for undergraduate students approved by UGC with the objective of outcome-based education. The department follows the CBCS syllabus according to NEP 2020 guidelines, which is in line with all the premier institutions of India. Students can choose Geography or Economics as their major, along with other subjects like History, Public Administration, English, Telugu and Hindi. Apart from the regular UG programme, the department offers integrated coaching for competitive examinations such as UPSC, State PSCs, SSC, Banking services, etc. The unique integrated coaching embedded in the academic programme is developed to refine their personality and make them future-ready.

CELEBRATION OF RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS 2025

Date:31-10-2025

Location: Gundimedda

The Department of Arts, KLEF, is organizing the celebration of “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” on 31st October 2025, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The programme aims to promote the ideals of national unity, integrity, and collective responsibility among students and faculty members.

The event will be held at Jasmine Hall, KLEF, Vaddeswaram Campus, and will run from 10.00 AM to 5.30 PM. The programme will include inspirational addresses, academic deliberations, and interactive sessions focusing on the theme of national integration and good governance. The occasion will be graced by the Chief Guest, Ms. Vishwasree B, I.A.S, Executive Director, Tobacco Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India. Her presence will add significant value to the programme through her insights on public administration and national development. This celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas reaffirms KLEF’s commitment to fostering patriotism, unity, and constitutional values among the academic community.



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF GIRLS

Date:01-11-2025

Location: Gundimedda

The Department of Arts, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS), organized a *Legal Awareness Program for the Protection of Girls* at Gundimedda on 1st November 2025, marking the observance of World Economic Day. The programme focused on educating girls and women about their legal rights, safety measures, and available legal support systems. The session included interactive talks and practical guidance on important laws such as the POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Domestic Violence Act, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, along with awareness about Women Helpline (181) and cybercrime reporting portals. Legal experts and volunteers used real-life examples to help participants understand how to identify unsafe situations and report offences confidently. The programme benefited nearly 500 beneficiaries, significantly enhancing legal literacy, self-confidence, and community awareness. Such initiatives play a vital role in empowering girls, promoting gender justice, and fostering a safer and more informed society.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO RADAR STATION, MACHILIPATNAM

Date:07-11-2025

Location: Machilipatnam

The Department of Arts, KLEF, successfully organized an educational visit to the Radar Station, Machilipatnam, on 7th November 2025, providing students with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand exposure to advanced meteorological and surveillance systems. The visit was meticulously planned and executed, reflecting a strong commitment to experiential learning beyond the classroom.



Through interactive sessions and on-site demonstrations, students were able to understand the practical applications of theoretical concepts, the functioning of radar technology, and its critical role in weather forecasting, disaster management, and national safety. The initiative stands as a commendable academic effort, offering students meaningful insights into real-world operations and enhancing their analytical and observational skills. The visit significantly enriched the students’ learning experience by bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical application.

Such field-based learning initiatives, reaffirming its commitment to holistic education, academic excellence, and the overall development of students through practical exposure and experiential learning.



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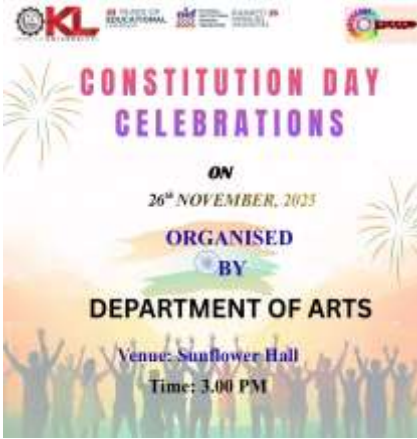


Constitution Day Celebrations

Date: 26th November, 2025

Place: KL University

The Department of Arts, KLEF Vaddeswaram Campus, organized the Constitution Day Celebrations with the objective of promoting constitutional awareness, democratic values, and civic responsibility among the KLEF community. Observed annually on 26th November, Constitution Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India and reaffirms the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in it. As a part of the celebrations, the Department of Arts conducted a series of engaging and thought-provoking events on 25th November 2025 at 2.00 PM in SDC Block, S709B. An Essay Writing Competition was organized exclusively for the Non-Teaching Employees of KLEF, providing them a platform to express their understanding of constitutional values, fundamental rights, and duties. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation and thoughtful reflections on the relevance of the Constitution in contemporary India.



World Quality Day Celebrations

Date: 30th November, 2025

Place: KL University

The institution commemorated World Quality Day with great enthusiasm, emphasizing the significance of quality in higher education, research, and institutional governance. The programme was graced by Dr. S. Sreenivasa, D.Sc., Former NAAC Deputy Advisor and Professor of Chemistry, University College of Science (UCS), Tumkur University, as the Chief Guest. In his keynote address, Dr. Sreenivasa highlighted the evolving dimensions of quality assurance in higher education, with special reference to accreditation frameworks, outcome-based education, and continuous institutional improvement. Drawing from his vast experience with NAAC, he stressed that quality is not a one-time achievement but a sustained culture involving leadership, faculty commitment, student participation, and transparent governance. He underlined the importance of internal quality assurance mechanisms and data-driven decision-making in strengthening academic standards. Dr. Sreenivasa also reflected on the role of innovation, ethical practices, and interdisciplinary research in enhancing institutional excellence. His insightful deliberations inspired faculty members and students to adopt best practices and align academic processes with national and global quality benchmarks. The celebration served as a platform to reinforce the institution's commitment to quality enhancement and continuous improvement. The event concluded with an interactive session, leaving participants motivated to uphold and promote a culture of quality in all academic and administrative endeavors.



Guest Lecture on Study Abroad and International Studies Opportunities

Date: 10th December, 2025 Place: KL University



The Department of Arts, KLEF, successfully organized a Guest Lecture on Study Abroad and International Studies Opportunities on 13th December 2025 at S-712B, KLEF, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The session was delivered by Dr. Vijay Maruti Director- IR, KL University with the objective of creating awareness among students about global higher education pathways and emerging career opportunities in the field of international studies guest lecture on abroad studies. The session focused on providing students with comprehensive insights into study abroad programmes, reputed global universities, and interdisciplinary courses such as International Relations and Global Studies. The resource person elaborated on admission procedures, eligibility criteria, standardized tests, language proficiency requirements, scholarships, and financial planning. Special emphasis was placed on career prospects in diplomacy, international organizations, research, policy-making, and global development. The lecture was highly interactive, enriched with real-life experiences and success stories of Indian students pursuing education abroad. Students were encouraged to develop a global outlook, critical thinking abilities, and cross-cultural competence to address contemporary global challenges such as climate change, international security, and human rights.

The programme witnessed active participation from 50 students and faculty members, resulting in increased awareness and motivation among students to pursue higher education and careers at the international level. Overall, the guest lecture proved to be informative, inspiring, and impactful in shaping students' global academic aspirations.



AICTE-Sponsored Faculty Development Programme on Universal Human Values-II

Date: 5th to 12th December, 2025

Place: KL University

The Academic Staff College (ASC), in association with the Value Education Cell (VEC), KLEF, Vaddeswaram, successfully organized an AICTE Self-Funded Eight-Day Faculty Development Programme on Universal Human Values-II (UHV-II) from 5th to 12th December 2025. The programme was conducted as part of the AICTE National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training (AICTE-NITTT), aiming to strengthen value-based and holistic education among faculty members. The FDP was designed to deepen participants' understanding of universal human values such as truth, right conduct, peace, love, and non-violence, and to enable their integration into teaching, professional conduct, and institutional culture. Through interactive sessions, reflective discussions, and experiential learning, the programme emphasized harmony within oneself, society, and nature. Faculty members were encouraged to create caring classroom environments and to incorporate ethics and human values into their respective disciplines. The programme was conducted by AICTE-appointed resource persons, led by Dr. Mahesh Kolte, Professor, Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering, Pune, with expert facilitation and academic guidance. AICTE certification was awarded to participants who successfully completed the FDP with full attendance. Overall, the UHV-II programme significantly contributed to nurturing responsible educators committed to promoting ethical, peaceful, and sustainable living through education, aligning with KLEF's vision of holistic academic excellence.





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Guest Lecture on Higher Studies Opportunities

Date: 26th December, 2025

Place: KL University

The Department of Arts, KLEF, organized a Guest Lecture on Higher Studies Opportunities and Energy Transition – Energy Crisis on 26th December 2025 at S-712B, KLEF Campus, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The session was delivered by Dr. Avinash Ranjan, Post Doctoral Fellow, IIT Guwahati, with the objective of creating awareness among students about higher education pathways and emerging interdisciplinary research areas. Dr. Avinash Ranjan provided valuable insights into postgraduate and doctoral programmes in India and abroad, research fellowships, scholarships, and academic preparation for research-oriented careers. He emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary education, particularly the integration of social sciences, policy, economics, and technology, in addressing complex global challenges. A significant part of the lecture focused on the concept of energy transition, highlighting the global shift from fossil fuels to renewable and sustainable energy systems. The speaker discussed climate change, renewable energy technologies, policy frameworks, and India’s commitments toward sustainable development. Real-world case studies and examples from ongoing research helped students understand the practical relevance of the subject. The interactive session motivated students to explore higher studies, research careers, and policy-oriented professions related to sustainability and energy studies. The programme witnessed active participation from students and faculty, fostering a research-driven and globally conscious academic outlook among participants.



Student Achievement in National Powerlifting Championship



The Department of Arts proudly congratulates Ms. Madira Shanoon, a 3rd year student, for her outstanding achievement in the Federation Cup Equipped Powerlifting Championship 2025, held at Rait, Himachal Pradesh. Demonstrating exceptional strength, discipline, and determination, Ms. Madira Shanoon secured Second Place in the 47 kg Open Category, bringing laurels to the institution.

Competing at a highly competitive national-level platform, she delivered an impressive overall performance across all three powerlifting events. Her remarkable lifts included a Squat of 120 kg, Bench Press of 52.5 kg, and Deadlift of 110 kg, achieving a commendable total lift of 282.5 kg. This achievement reflects her rigorous training, perseverance, and commitment to excellence in sports alongside academic pursuits.

Ms. Madira Shanoon’s success stands as an inspiration to fellow students, highlighting the importance of balancing academics with physical fitness and competitive sports. Her dedication exemplifies the spirit of resilience, confidence, and self-belief that the university strives to inculcate in its students.

The Department of Arts applauds her remarkable accomplishment and wishes her continued success in future championships. Her achievement not only brings pride to the department but also motivates young athletes to pursue excellence at national and international levels.



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XV Annual Convocation of KLEF

Date: 27th December, 2025

Place: KL University

"Manmohan Singh's LPG Reforms: A Turning Point in India's Economic Transformation"

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Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF), Deemed to be University, successfully organized its XV Annual Convocation on Saturday, 27th December 2025, from 10.00 AM at the Convocation Premises, KLEF, Vaddeswaram, Guntur District. The event marked a significant academic milestone, celebrating the achievements of graduating students and reinforcing KLEF's legacy of 45 years of educational leadership and excellence, with the university being ranked 26th among all universities in India (NIRF 2025). The Convocation was presided over by Er. Koneru Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Chancellor, KLEF, in the presence of eminent academicians and dignitaries. Prof. Vinod K. Singh, President, National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address, inspiring graduates with his vision on science, innovation, and nation-building. Prof. Shripad Banavali, MD, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, Chairperson, Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Chapter of IAP, attended as the Guest of Honour and addressed the gathering with insightful reflections on service, dedication, and excellence.

The ceremony included conferment of degrees by the Hon'ble Chancellor, presentation of medals to meritorious students, and addresses by university leadership. The Convocation stood as a proud moment for students, faculty, and parents, symbolizing academic accomplishment and the beginning of new professional journeys.

"What is the secret of India's economic miracle?" asked Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, sparking debate about the impact of LPG reforms. In 1991, India's economy was teetering on the edge of collapse, with foreign exchange reserves plummeting to a mere \$1.2 billion (RBI, 1991). Consequently, the government was forced to mortgage the country's gold reserves to secure an emergency loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Following this, the Liberalization, Privatization, and Globalization (LPG) reforms introduced by Manmohan Singh in 1991 marked a significant turning point in India's economic history. As a result, India's GDP grew from \$320 billion in 1991 to over \$2.7 trillion in 2019, making it one of the fastest-growing major economies (World Bank, 2020).

Furthermore, the reforms also led to a significant decline in poverty rates, from 36% in 1993-94 to 12.4% in 2011-12 (National Sample Survey Office, 2013). Moreover, the reforms helped to increase foreign investment, promote economic growth, and reduce poverty, thereby transforming India into a global economic powerhouse.

Liberalization: The Key to Economic Growth

Meanwhile, the liberalization of the Indian economy was a crucial component of the LPG reforms. The government introduced several policies to promote liberalization, including the abolition of the License Raj, the reduction of tariffs and import controls, and the promotion of foreign investment. These policies helped to increase foreign investment, promote economic growth, and reduce poverty. According to the World Bank, India's GDP growth rate increased from 5.6% in the 1980s to 7.7% in the 1990s (World Bank, 2020).

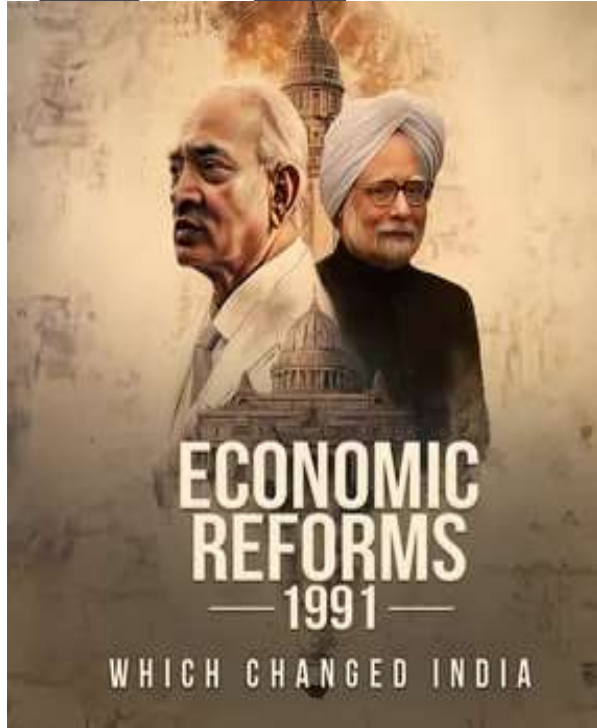
As a result, the impact of liberalization on the Indian economy was significant. The poverty rate declined, with the percentage of people living below the poverty line decreasing from 36% in 1993-94 to 24.1% in 1999-2000 (NSSO, 2000).

Privatization: Increasing Efficiency and Competition

Additionally, the privatization of state-owned enterprises was another key component of the LPG reforms. The government introduced several policies to promote privatization, including the disinvestment of state-owned enterprises and the promotion of private sector participation. These policies helped to increase efficiency and competition in the economy. Subsequently, the impact of privatization on the Indian economy was significant.



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Globalization: Integrating India into the Global Economy

Moreover, the globalization of the Indian economy was a crucial component of the LPG reforms. The government introduced several policies to promote globalization, including the reduction of tariffs and import controls, and the promotion of foreign investment. These policies helped to increase foreign investment, promote economic growth, and reduce poverty. Thus, the impact of globalization on the Indian economy was significant. The country's GDP growth rate increased, and the poverty rate declined. The globalization of the Indian economy also helped to increase foreign investment and promote economic growth.

Challenges and criticisms

However, despite the significant impact of the LPG reforms on the Indian economy, there have been several challenges and criticisms. Some of the concerns include income inequality, environmental impact, and job creation. The benefits of economic growth have not been equally distributed, leading to widening income inequality. Moreover, the environmental impact of the LPG reforms has also been a concern. The rapid industrialization and growth have led to environmental degradation and pollution. The reforms have been criticized for not doing enough to address these concerns. Additionally, the LPG reforms have also been criticized for not creating enough jobs, particularly in the manufacturing sector. The growth of the service sector has led to an increase in jobs, but the manufacturing sector has not seen the same level of growth. While there have been challenges and criticisms, the benefits of the reforms are undeniable. As the Indian economy continues to grow and evolve, it is essential to remember the words of Manmohan Singh, "Reforms are not a one-time event, but a continuous process." What will be the next chapter in India's economic journey? Will it be marked by a renewed focus on sustainable development, leveraging its vast renewable energy potential and vibrant startup ecosystem to drive growth? Or will it be shaped by the country's rising geopolitical influence, as it navigates the complexities of global trade and diplomacy? As Angus Maddison once noted, "India's economic performance has been a remarkable success story, but it still has a long way to go to achieve its full potential" ¹. As India stands at the threshold of this new chapter, the question remains: what will be the driving force behind its next wave of growth and development?



GENERAL HOLIDAYS

JANUARY	22/1/2026 to 23/1/2026	Pongal Holidays
FEBRUARY	22/2/2026	Maha Navaratri
MARCH	29/3/2026	Ugadi
	21/3/2026	Ramzan-E-Id - 1st, 2nd
	23/3/2026	Sri Ramnavami
APRIL	24/4/2026 to 25/4/2026	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti - 1st, 2nd
	24/4/2026	Good Friday (optional)
MAY	2/5/2026	Labour Day (optional)
AUGUST	28/8/2026	Karabahiini Vratam
SEPTEMBER	4/9/2026	Gandhiji Jayanti
	24/9/2026	Vijaya Dussehra
OCTOBER	26/10/2026 to 28/10/2026	Dussehra - Dussehra
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NOVEMBER	4/11/2026 to 6/11/2026	Deepavali
DECEMBER	25/12/2026	Christmas

SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY	26/1/2026	REPUBLIC DAY
AUGUST	15/8/2026	INDEPENDENCE DAY
OCTOBER	2/10/2026	GANDHI JAYANTHI

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BA with IAS Orientation

2026 CALENDAR

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